

## RDC receives award for Accelerate Program



The Regional Development Corporation last month received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for its "Accelerate: Technical Training and Job Placement" program in the category of "Partnerships with Educational Institutions" for communities with populations of 200,000 to 500,000. Accelerate is designed to help graduate more technical career students, place them in jobs, and better prepare them for career and educational advancement. The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) presented the award.

"We recognize the Regional Development Corporation for creating innovative and successful strategies to promote economic development in this period of global recovery," said Jay Moon, IEDC chair. "Our awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in communities. The Regional Development Corporation demonstrates that they are at the forefront of the economic development

profession and are using cutting-edge, effective practices that can be replicated in other communities."

Accelerate is a joint initiative of the RDC, University of New Mexico–Taos, University of New Mexico–Los Alamos, Santa Fe Community College, Northern New Mexico College, Luna Community College, and New Mexico Highlands University.

The RDC is an economic-development nonprofit organization that operates with the support of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos County, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development organization, and the Technology Integration Group.

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